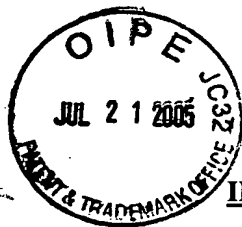


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In response to the Office Action dated April 22, 2005, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows.

The amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

The Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.